

## BLOOD

**United Blood Services blood drives on Kirtland Air Force Base are:** Sandia Labs, **Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Motor Pool Complex and **Jan. 18**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., in the bloodmobile by Schiff Auditorium; Pararescue School, **Tuesday**, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Building 437 Defense Threat Reduction Agency, **Jan. 20**, 7:30-11 a.m., in the Bloodmobile in the parking lot 58th Special Operations Wing, **Jan. 21**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

## BRIEFINGS

**CONUS Outbound Smooth Move Brief** is **Tuesday**, 1:30-3 p.m., in the family support center. Register at 846-0741. **Veterans Affairs benefits and entitlements briefing** is **today**, 1-4 p.m., in the family support center. Register at 846-0741. **Interview Skills** is **Wednesday**, 1-3 p.m., in the family support center. Register at 846-0741.

## HEARTS APART

**Hearts Apart Support Group** meets **tomorrow**, 1-3 p.m., in the Consolidated Support Building's room 120. A craft activity is available for children. The group is open to those with a deployed family member. Call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie at 846-0741.

## PERSONNEL

**Applications for Air Force Institute of Technology graduate degree programs** are being accepted from enlisted members E-6 and above with completed four-year degrees in science, engineering and management. Application packets are

due by **Feb. 4**. Eligibility requirements are online at [www.afit.edu](http://www.afit.edu) and from the base education center, 846-8955.

**Active duty experience is a plus in the Air Force Reserve.** Earn retirement credit while enjoying the benefits of being in the military. Build on the knowledge and experience from active duty while contributing to America's defense. Contact Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

## ODDS &amp; ENDS

**A commemoration service for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is Jan. 14**, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the chapel. A reception follows in the chapel annex. A shuttle bus to the service, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m., for distinguished visitors and other invited guests is at the parking are at the USS Bullhead Memorial Park at San Pedro Blvd., south of Gibson Blvd., and at the chapel. Bus riders must have a driver's license or other form of government-issued identification to enter Kirtland AFB. Volunteers are needed Jan. 13-14 to prepare for and to staff the event; contact 1st Lt. Kathryn Parker, project officer, at 853-8075. For questions about the event, contact Lieutenant Parker, co-project officer Senior Airman Larry Simon or Sol Starks, Equal Employment Opportunity manager at 846-5369.

**Action Officer Course** is **Jan. 19**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Force Development Center. To reserve a seat in the daylong course, contact Capt. Jondavid Duvall at 846-4116. Seating for the monthly course is offered first-come, first-served. Visit the course Web site at <https://wwwmil.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/CMDSection/AOG101/index>.

**A public meeting** for Kirtland Air Force Base's petition to New Mexico Environment Department for No Further Action status on 18 of its Environmental Restoration Program sites is **Wednesday**, 5-7 p.m., in the Hilton Hotel, 1901

University Blvd. NE. Information on the sites is available for public review at the Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute's Montoya Campus Library, 4700 Morris NE, and on the Kirtland AFB homepage. Under Environmental Information, go to Environmental Restoration Program. For more information, contact Steve Milligan at 846-9003.

**Girl Scouts registration is open for girls 5-17 years.** Fee is \$10 and financial assistance is available. Contact Gracie Gonzalez, membership development director for Girl Scouts of Chaparral Council Inc., at 343-1040 or 800-658-6768. To volunteer or join, call 505-343-1040 or 800-658-6768 Visit the Web site at [www.chaparralgirlscouts.org](http://www.chaparralgirlscouts.org).

**All DTS travelers must confirm their airline tickets have been ticketed** prior to airport travel. Two days prior to TDY start date is recommended for travelers to confirm their tickets have been issued by monitoring their e-mail for messages from DTS. If no e-mail message confirms ticketing, contact Kola Nut Travel/ Commercial Travel Office at 846-717 on the east side and 846-0831 on the west side of the base.

**Mission-essential books and subscriptions may be requested through the Kirtland Library.** Each March, the library is centrally funded for support of organization's needs. Funds are available through July 30 or until spent. Send a brief justification by March. Requests are accepted throughout the year but fulfilling those requests is dependent upon availability and priority. For information and samples of justification and representative letters, contact Jennifer Laslo at 853-7610 or [jennifer.laso@kirtland.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.laso@kirtland.af.mil).

**The 2005 Kirtland Chief's Induction Ceremony** is **Jan. 21**, in the Mountain View Club. Social time is 6 p.m. and dinner follows at 7. Attire for military is

mess dress or semiformal and for civilians is coat and tie. Reservations are \$23 for club members and \$25 for nonmembers. Call the Kirtland NCO Academy, 846-2137.

**The Thrift Shop** at 4500 Biggs Avenue, operated by the Kirtland Officers Spouses Club is open **Mondays and Wednesdays**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., **Thursdays**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and the **second Saturdays** of the month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Consignments are accepted until an hour to closing time. Call 853-6927.

**If you are interested in forming an enlisted spouses club**, contact Staff Sgt. Cynthia M. Blackwood at 846-2367.

**The Lieutenants Professional Development Program for Feb has been rescheduled to Jan. 21-Feb. 4, 2005.** For further details or to sign up, visit the website at <https://www.ioanational.org/cgoc/>.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers are needed Jan. 13-14** to prepare for and to staff the commemoration service for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jan. 14. Contact 1st Lt. Kathryn Parker, project officer, at 853-8075.

Family advocacy has a **volunteer opportunity, working as a receptionist.** The position is ideal for military spouses interested in gaining work experience and learning new skills. Contact Capt. Paul Milazzo or Denise Reese at 846-0139.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central New Mexico seeks adult volunteers** to spend one hour weekly with children at their schools, working on homework, playing games, reading books and getting to know each other. Call Valerie at 837-9223 or visit [www.bbbs-cnm.org](http://www.bbbs-cnm.org).

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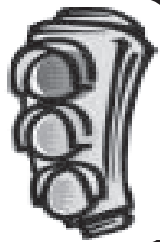
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